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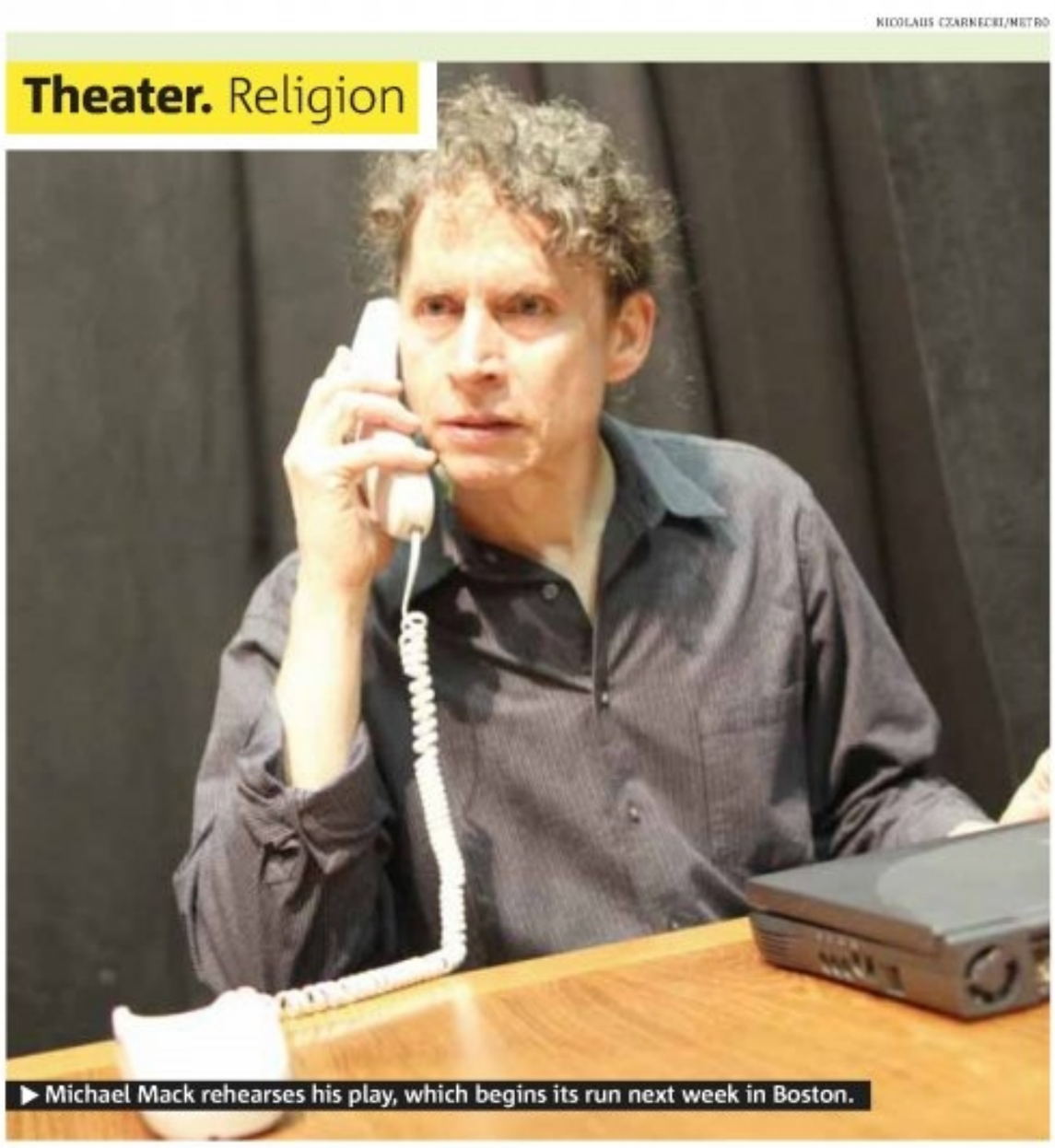

▶ Michael Mack rehearses his play, which begins its run next week in Boston.

Reconnecting with faith after abuse

To coincide with the 10-year anniversary of the launching of the sex-abuse crisis in the Archdiocese of Boston, Cambridge resident Michael Mack is premiering his play titled "Conversations with My Molester." Mack said he was molested while living out of the state and eventually tracked down the priest who abused him. {page 02}

Alleged dog abuser arrested, faces judge

- Twelve neglected, bleeding dogs were found inside Dot home
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Neglected, dead dogs lead to an arrest

A Dorchester man accused of housing neglected and dying dogs — believed to be used for fighting — pleaded not guilty to animal cruelty charges yesterday.

Tyrone Perry, 44, was ordered held on $5,000 bail and must not own any dogs if he is released. He turned himself in to police Tuesday after they obtained a warrant for his arrest.

Acting on multiple community complaints and tips, officers went to Perry's Mather Street home last month to investigate.

A search warrant was obtained and police found 12 pit bull-type dogs at the home, authorities said. One of the dogs was dead.

The dogs were in metal pens, crates, chain link cages or chained to walls. Police said the dogs had no access to food or water and were sitting in their own blood, feces and urine.

▶ Perry

Four rabbits were also found in the home, and police said they appeared undernourished.

The animals were taken away by animal control. METRO/MN

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Man turns to stage after molestation

- Man's play tells tale of alleged molestation and restoration of faith
- Actor wants performance to bring hope to community
- Debut coincides with 10-year anniversary of disclosure of clergy sex scandal

Cambridge resident Michael Mack's dream to become a priest fell apart quickly after a pastor molested him at age 11 in his North Carolina-based hometown.

Decades later, Mack is facing his past demons and delivering an onstage performance that maps his journey from darkness and confusion to rekindling his religious beliefs in his play titled "Conversations with My Molester: A Faith Journey."

The play opens next week.

"Storytelling is something deeply human and an important way for people to come to healing and connect with the community," said Mack, a seasoned poet and MIT alumnus.

Before Mack completed the play, he tracked down the clergy member who molested him following the massive unveiling of the sex-abuse scandal within the Archdiocese of Boston.

"I had been imagining all my life having this conversation with him and having Boston be the epicenter of the scandal certainly brought it to my consciousness," he said.

Mack discovered the priest was living in Worcester in 2005 and decided to confront him.

What happened from there eventually led to a spiritual revival for Mack.

Coinciding with the 10-year anniversary of the Globe's publication of records documenting the church sex-abuse scandal, Mack plans on inviting clergy members to see the performance.

"In a way, this is my sermon," he said.

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▶ Michael Mack rehearses his one-man play "Conversations with My Molester," which will run for two weeks at the Boston Playwrights' Theatre. The premiere coincides with the 10-year anniversary of the clergy sex-abuse scandal. Opening night is Jan. 11.

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A letter of sorrow

CAMBRIDGE. Yesterday, Cardinal Sean O'Malley issued a letter to the community, marking the 10-year anniversary of the sex-abuse scandal and apologized for the "horrendous crimes" that devastated the lives of many.

"As a church, we must continue to express the depth of our sorrow … for how badly we failed those entrusted in our care," O'Malley said.

Survivor groups like BishopAccountability.org were not satisfied with O'Malley's response and said "nice words don't protect children and they don't heal victims." METRO/SA

▶ Red Line

Cold leads to T delays

BOSTON. The MBTA apologized to riders after seven trains were delayed yesterday morning due to aging equipment affected by the "bitterly cold temperatures."

T Spokesman Joe Pesaturo said subway personnel work hard to minimize such problems in frigid weather, which left Red Line riders waiting at various stations. METRO

Mom calls cops on kids

SALEM. A teen was summonsed to court after his mother called police to quell a fight between her children.

The mother called police Monday evening and asked them to "Arrest them both — I can't take this anymore," according to the Salem News.

Family members said the 15-year-old son hit his 8-year-old sister. METRO

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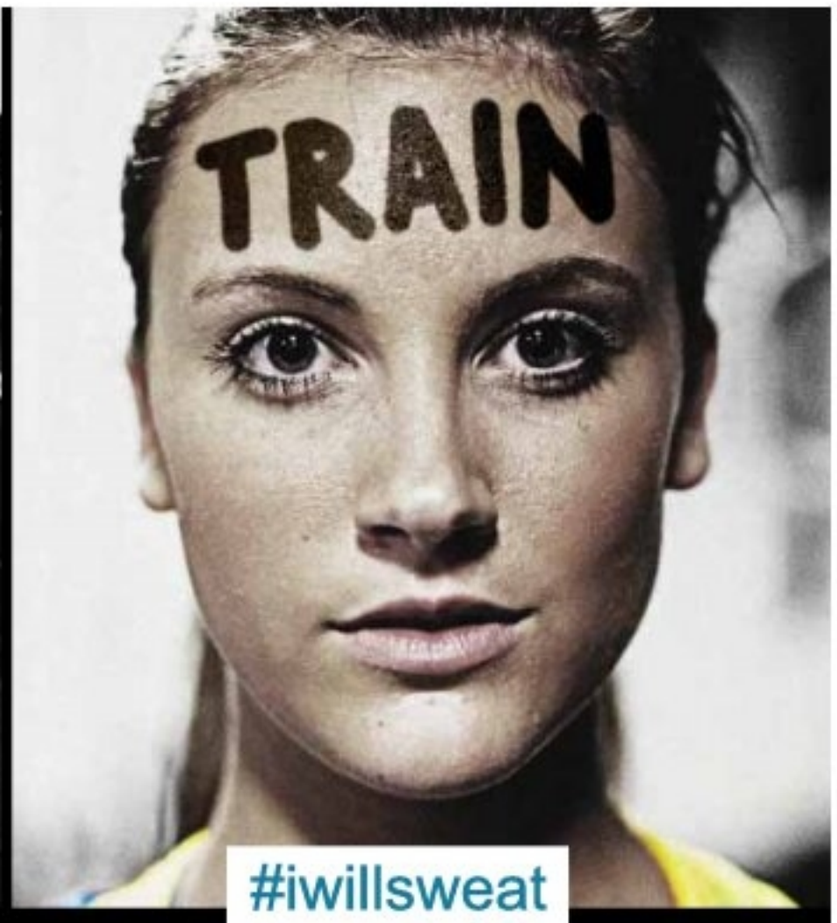

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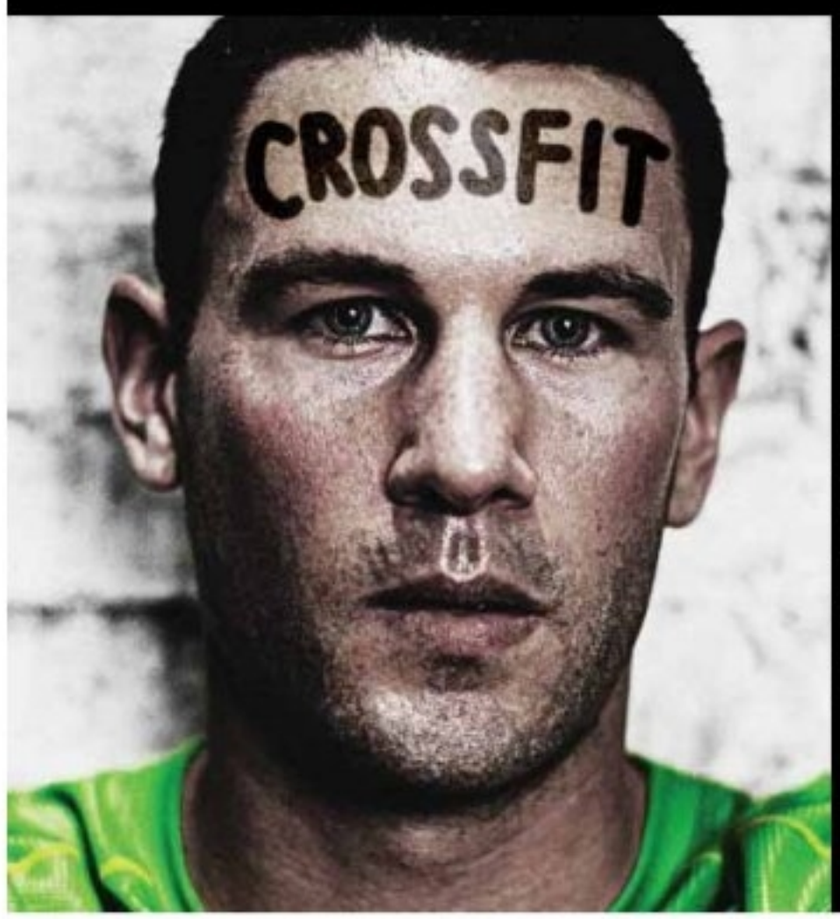

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Hub crime down

BOSTON. Homicides in Boston fell 14 percent last year over the 2010 total of 72. The city recorded fewer homicides in 2011, with 62, as overall violent crime fell 8 percent from 2010. Robbery, aggravated assault, burglary and vehicle theft all fell, but rapes increased 12 percent to 247. METRO

Woman slain in Everett

EVERETT. Police yesterday continued looking for the person who fatally stabbed Jessica Cormier, 20, of Everett. She was found inside a Pearl Street home Tuesday evening. METRO

Fatal fire was electrical

PEABODY. The Dec. 23 fire that killed Peabody firefighter James Rice, 42, was caused by an electrical malfunction, the state fire marshal said in a statement yesterday. Two residents were also injured in the three-alarm fire. METRO

Driver in fatal car crash has history of speeding

Man pleads not guilty to hitting, killing teen Driver stopped after crash, not charged for seven months

A Newton man with a lengthy driving record pleaded not guilty yesterday to killing a West Roxbury teen who was hit while crossing VFW Parkway with friends.

Zyoma Vasserman, 48, was allegedly speeding when he struck Francis McInerney, 17, in June.

Investigators determined Vasserman was driving 59 mph in a 30 mph zone through surveillance video taken of him along the route. Vasserman stayed at the scene of the accident and did not appear intoxicated, according to prosecutors.

Vasserman's attorney, Melvin Norris, claimed his client wasn't speeding that night.

"This kid shot out in front of him," said Norris. "When my client went through the pedestrian walkway the light was green. The deceased was not in the crosswalk."

Records from the Registry of Motor Vehicles show that Vasserman was cited for 11 moving violations over 28 years, including five counts of speeding.

He was released on personal recognizance but ordered to stop driving.

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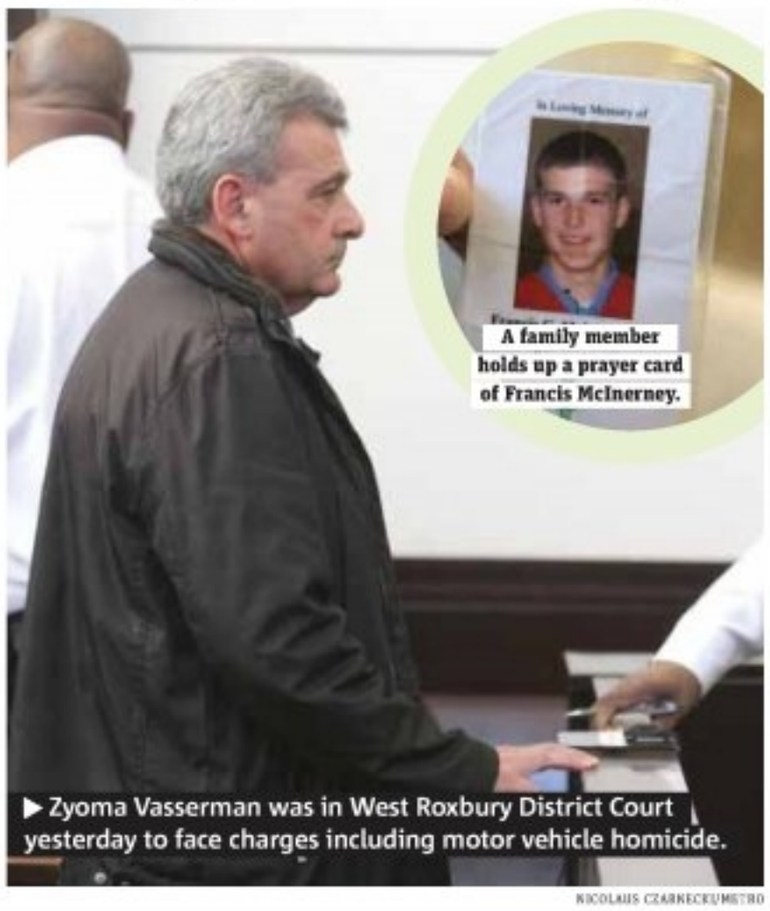

▶ Zyoma Vasserman was in West Roxbury District Court yesterday to face charges including motor vehicle homicide.

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Iowa contest throws wrench in GOP race

Romney, Santorum come out on top in first test of election season Bachmann out, Perry sticks with it

The rough-and-tumble Republican race for the White House became even more entangled yesterday when Tea Party favorite Michele Bachmann quit and Texas Gov. Rick Perry decided to stay in after all.

Bachmann stepped down after a dismal sixth-place finish in the Iowa caucuses contest, which was decided by a difference of only eight votes out of the 122,000 cast.

Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney won Iowa by the tightest of margins over social conservative Rick Santorum, a former senator who had been all but ignored until his poll numbers began to rise a week ago.

Despite vowing on Tuesday night to stay the course in the fight to be the Republican nominee, Bachmann finally threw in the towel. "I have decided to stand aside," said Bachmann, a conservative congresswoman and one-time front-runner.

Throwing political pundits into confusion, Perry announced he is staying in the race for now, after saying he would go home to reassess his campaign because of a disappointing fifth-place finish. REUTERS

25% **Romney and Santorum finished the Iowa contest, the first of the 2012 presidential campaign, with about 25 percent support each.**

21% **Ron Paul was a close third with just over 21 percent.**

13% **Former House of Representatives Speaker Newt Gingrich came fourth at about 13 percent.**

The man to beat

The Iowa result boosted Romney's status as the person to beat in the nomination race, although the slim margin underscored his continuing in ability to secure the trust of conservative Republicans ahead of what is likely to be the most expensive presidential campaign in history.

Known as a moderate when he was governor of predominantly Democratic Massachusetts seven years ago, Romney had not been expected to do well in Iowa, a midwestern state where conservative Christian voters are a major influence on Republican politics.

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▶ Republican presidential hopeful Rick Santorum was polling in the single digits until recently, scored a big win at the Iowa caucuses.

"Our country is in very serious trouble, and this might be the last election to turn the nation around before we go down the road to socialism."
BACHMANN

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▶ U.S. Rep. Michele Bachmann stepped out of the race.

Say it ain't socialism!

NEW YORK. The three things we'll miss most about Michele Bachmann:

1 Her bizarre conspiracy theories
Going far beyond the standard "Obama is a socialist" meme spun by her compatriots, the Congresswoman offered a bizarre view of the current American landscape, one in which the president encourages Mexican cartel violence, the HPV vaccine causes mental retardation and Hezbollah plans missile sites in Cuba. We're glad we don't live in Bachmann's world, but we were always curious to find out what things were like there.

2 Her amusing gaffes
Bachmann's gaffes seemed to stick out among the Republican field — was she misspeaking, or did she actually believe the words coming out of her mouth? Did she really get John Wayne and John Wayne Gacy confused?

3 Her reaction to the Newsweek cover hit
The infamous "crazy eyes" Newsweek cover was a deplorable cheap shot by the magazine, and Bachmann gets our honest props for handling the situation with class and brushing off the provocation. For a tiny moment, she had us rooting for her.

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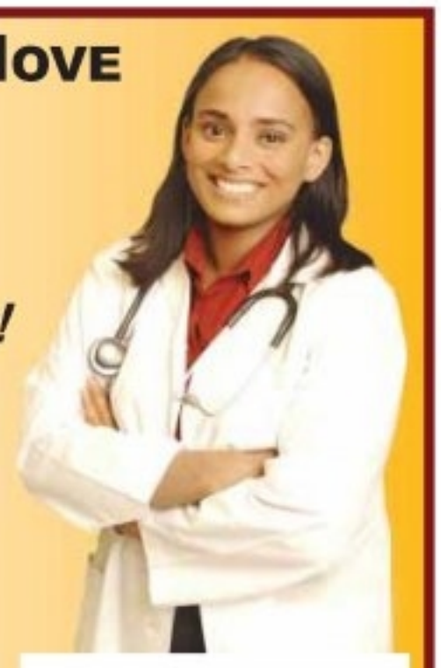
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▶ President Barack Obama waves alongside Richard Cordray after speaking about the economy yesterday at Shaker Heights High School in Ohio.

Obama bypasses Senate to appoint Wall St. watchdog

President Barack Obama plans to bypass Congress and install Richard Cordray as head of the country's new consumer financial watchdog, escalating an election-year fight with Republicans who questioned the legality of the move.

The recess appointment, which Obama announced in a campaign-style rally at a high school gym in a Cleveland suburb, is being cheered by Democrats and liberal advocacy groups who want tougher oversight of Wall Street and other financial players.

Obama's appointment of Cordray yesterday is part of a broader White House strategy to portray Obama as an activist president confronted with a "do nothing" Congress that has stymied his economic agenda.

Last month, Republicans blocked a vote on Cordray.

"We know what would happen if Republicans in Congress were allowed to keep holding Richard's nomination hostage," Obama told a cheering crowd.

Obama's decision to appoint Cordray, a former Ohio attorney general who frequently took on big banks, without a Senate vote, is likely to face a legal challenge because Republicans contend the Senate is still technically in session.

"This is an extraordinary and entirely unprecedented power grab by President Obama," House Speaker John Boehner said in a statement.

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau was created by the 2010 Dodd-Frank financial oversight law, enacted in response to the 2007-2009 financial crisis, to police the market for consumer products such as credit cards and mortgage. REUTERS

SEC: Scam involved LinkedIn website

CHICAGO. Securities regulators charged an Illinois-based investment adviser with using LinkedIn and other social media networking websites to lure investors by offering more than $500 billion in fake securities.

The SEC alleged that Anthony Fields made the fraudulent offers to sell securities through two sole proprietorships — Anthony Fields & Associates and Platinum Securities Brokers.

The agency said Fields provided false and misleading information about clients, assets under management and even the history of his firm's business. REUTERS

Automakers: Slower US sales in 2012

DETROIT. Automakers forecast slower U.S. sales growth in 2012, citing weak employment and economic uncertainty.

The industry is headed for full-year 2011 sales of about 12.8 million vehicles, 10 percent higher than 2010. U.S. new-vehicle sales are an early indicator each month of consumer spending. REUTERS

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Sausage Pancake Bites

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Tension between Persian country, Western countries leads to new oil price spike More than $103 a barrel

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▶ Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Salehi before a meeting in Tehran yesterday. The European Union and the United States tightened the sanctions noose around Iran.

European Union governments moved closer to halting oil purchases from Iran, stepping up the confrontation over the Islamic republic's nuclear program.

EU foreign ministers are aiming to announce harsher sanctions on Iran's energy and banking industries at their next meeting on Jan. 30 after Greece lifted its objections to an oil embargo.

"We want to tighten sanctions on Iran — the things that have been mentioned are the oil sector and the financial sector," EU spokesman Michael Mann said by telephone in Brussels yesterday.

Oil fluctuated near an eight-month high after the European Union said it's working to sanction oil imports from Iran and its banks and on concern that Europe's debt crisis will affect consumption market. Crude for February delivery rose 29 cents to settle at $103.25 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. BLOOMBERG

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Health. Experiments

▶ Researchers from Harvard Medical School and the U.S. military found monkeys that got an experimental injection were as much as 83 percent less likely than those that got a dummy vaccine to become infected with simian immunodeficiency virus, according to a study.

Vaccine protects monkeys from AIDS

An experimental vaccine developed by a Johnson & Johnson unit protected monkeys against an animal version of the AIDS virus, according to a study that provides new clues in the 30-year hunt for a shot against the disease. BLOOMBERG

Euro down vs. dollar

PARIS. The euro fell from almost a one-week high against the dollar after a European report showed inflation slowed and Italy's biggest bank said it needs to raise more capital, fueling bets the region's debt crisis is worsening.

The 17-nation currency dropped toward an 11-year low against the yen after UniCredit SpA's plan to sell shares spurred concern European banks may struggle to raise more capital. The euro slid versus most major peers after El Pais newspaper said the Spanish government helped the Valencia region make an overdue payment to Deutsche Bank AG. BLOOMBERG

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The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Joan Rivers isn't feeling up to her chores, Adam Scott has been going to the movies, Amanda Bynes doesn't have a lot to say and Bob Saget is looking forward.

▶ **@Joan_Rivers**
This is the only time of year when I'm jealous of atheists. They don't waste their time taking down all the Christmas decorations.

▶ **@mradamscott**
The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo is super funny.

▶ **@AmandaBynes**
Not tweeting is the new tweeting.

▶ **@bobsaget**
Today is the first day of the rest of your life. And if that doesn't work out for you, Tomorrow is the first day of the rest of your life...

Adam Scott

THE WORD

Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip @dorothyatmetro dorothy.robinson@metro.us

'Celebrity Apprentice' announces its new, crazy cast

Well, he might not be running for president — and he might not even have the clout to moderate a Republican debate — but that ol' blowhard **Donald Trump** certainly knows how to pick out a cast of cut-rate celebrities.

On yesterday's "Today" show, Trump unveiled the cast of the upcoming season of "Celebrity Apprentice." It includes **Clay Aiken**, race-car driver **Marco Andretti**, **Adam Carolla**, "Wayne's World" star **Tia Carrere**, "Incredible Hulk" star **Lou Ferrigno**, **Debbie Gibson**, **Victoria Gotti**, "Real Housewives of New Jersey" star **Teresa Guidice**, **Arsenio Hall**, comic **Penn Jillette**, comic **Lisa Lampanelli**, **Aubrey O'Day**, "American Chopper" star **Paul Teutal**, model **Cheryl Tiegs**, ex-Miss Universe **Dayana Mendoza**, Twisted Sister singer **Dee Snider**, "Star Trek" legend **George Takei** and model **Patricia Velasquez**.

▶ Trump

First impression? I'm just happy to hear most of these people are still alive. And it's not all bad: At least these celebrities compete to earn $250,000 to give to the charity of their choice (which should be career training for most of them).

But as for the Donald? Well, it was reported earlier this year that he might pocket as much as $65 million for producing and appearing on the show. You can guess how much of that goes to charity.

So, really, who is the winner here again?

Timberlake off the market?

After quietly getting back together in 2011, **Justin Timberlake** and **Jessica Biel** have reportedly gotten engaged just as quietly. Sources tell Us Weekly that Timberlake popped the question on top of a mountain in Jackson, Wyo., during a snowboarding vacation. "Justin knows how much she loves snowboarding and the mountains, so it was the perfect place," the source says. The pair broke up briefly last year, and "when they reunited, they had a conversation about taking the next step," the source says.

Talking points

Could there be a Schwarzenegger reunion?

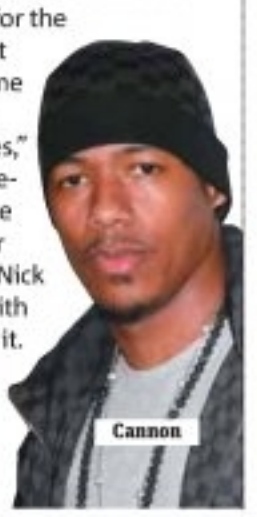
After reconnecting with estranged husband **Arnold Schwarzenegger** over the holidays, **Maria Shriver** is reportedly reconsidering her planned divorce from the former California governor, according to OK! Magazine. "She's definitely having second thoughts about going ahead with the divorce," says a source close to the family, who adds that Shriver's friends aren't too pleased with the latest development: "All her friends are up in arms that she's considering a reunion," the source says. "She's close friends with **Oprah [Winfrey]**, who would never encourage her to go back to a man who fathered a child with the housekeeper."

Gosling and Mendes: Still hot

If there were any doubts that **Ryan Gosling** and **Eva Mendes** were getting serious, their recent behavior should put them to rest. While visiting New York, Gosling reportedly took Mendes to the movies along with his mother, according to People magazine. "They all hung out and went to the movies together," a source says. "Ryan and Eva seemed very happy." And they seemed even happier before arriving in New York, while still at the airport in Los Angeles: "They kept kissing and hugging while they waited to board their flight," says a source. "Eva looked gorgeous and kept smiling."

Don't blame Jenny Craig!

Nick Cannon was hospitalized this week in Colorado for kidney failure, wife **Mariah Carey** revealed on Twitter. "Please pray for Nick as he's fighting to recover from a mild kidney failure," Carey wrote in a post accompanied by a photo of the pair in a hospital bed. The singer noted that a visit to the hospital seems to be an annual tradition for the couple: "Last year it was me attached to the machines," she wrote, referring to the birth of their twins, "and Nick was there with me through it. Now here we are."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A few men in bow ties ... and one in a trucker hat

1. Actor Darren Criss makes his debut in "How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying" at the Al Hirschfeld Theatre on Tuesday in NYC.

2. Stylist and ex-Rachel Zoe bestie Brad Goreski leaves "The Wendy Williams Show" taping at AMV Studios on Tuesday in New York City.

3. Actress Naomi Watts and her son Samuel Kai Schreiber hail a taxi in New York City's Greenwich Village on Tuesday.

4. Ashton Kutcher attends the Los Angeles Lakers vs. Houston Rockets game at Staples Center on Tuesday in Los Angeles, Calif.

5. (L-R) Actors Brian Dietzen, David McCallum, Pauley Perrette, Mark Harmon, Sean Murray (back row) Cote de Pablo and Michael Weatherly pose at CBS' "NCIS" celebration of the show's 200th episode on Tuesday in Valencia, Calif.

6. Rooney Mara was at the "Millenium: The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo" Paris premiere at Cinema UGC Normandie Tuesday in Paris.

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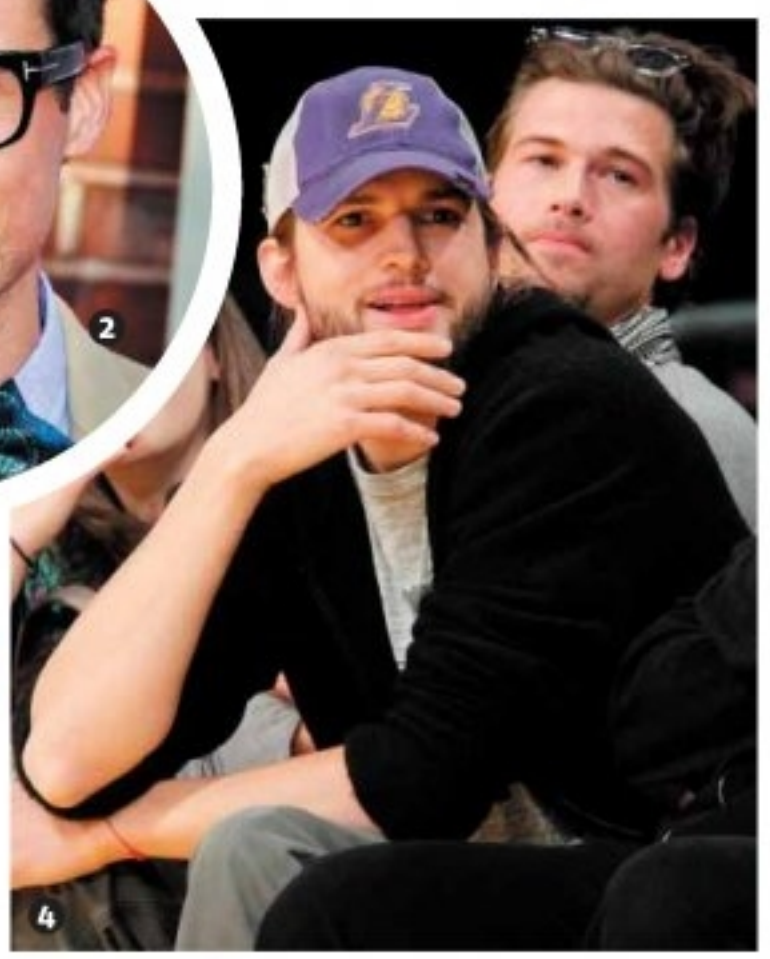

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- ***Rob, The love of my life and my best friend. XOXO Jayme.***

How do you meet someone?

Shrink Wrap

DR. JANE GREER
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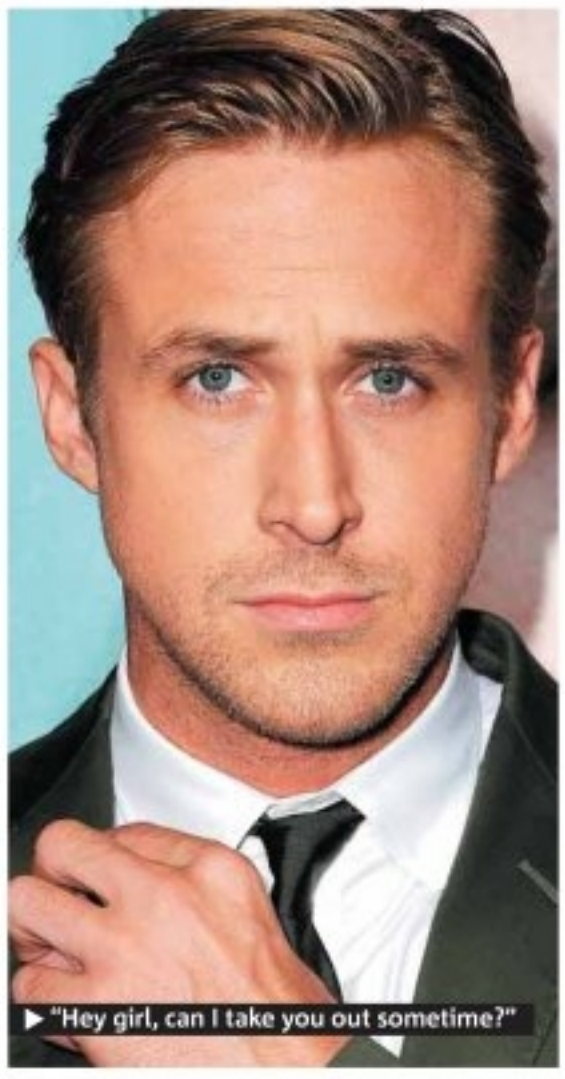
Celebrities Eva Mendes and Ryan Gosling have been spotted together for a few months now, and there seems to be no question any longer that they are an item. Those lucky two got cozy when they were filming "The Place Beyond the Pines." They make it look so easy, meeting on the glamorous set of a movie. But what can you do to meet someone if you aren't gorgeous movie stars with instant chemistry?

The best advice I can give you is to think outside the box. Drop your preconceived notions and go out there with a completely open mind. Everyone typically has their "type" — whether it is tall, short, brown or blond hair, conservative or free-spirited — and thus instantly screens out people who they think aren't it.

Quoted

"Instead of sticking strictly to what you know you like, be open to someone new and different and give yourself a chance to discover if, in fact, you might find something attractive or appealing in a person you previously would never have given a chance." GREER



▶ "Hey girl, can I take you out sometime?"

▶ "How could I resist your charm?"

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Instead of sticking strictly to what you know you like, be open to someone new and different and give yourself a chance to discover if, in fact, you might find something attractive or appealing in a person you previously would never have given a chance.

You might even discover that you like a different "type" more. By increasing your options you will greatly increase your odds.

While doing that, look for and gravitate toward the positive energy — a nice smile, those who show they're interested by asking questions about you, considerate behavior — rather than focusing on appearance alone.

And at least as important, keep a smile on your face. That's a green light to starting up a conversation wherever you are — on the train, in a store, at a party. All it takes for chemistry to happen is for two people to simply click, which can begin with a few words. Take the initiative and ask questions. Show interest — and see if it is returned.

The quicker you find a common ground, the faster you are on your way to a new beginning. Welcome the unknown, and see who comes your way.

*— Relationship expert **Dr. Jane Greer** is the creator of **"Shrink Wrap"** – national commentary on what we can learn from celebrity relationships – and host of **"Let's Talk Sex"** at **Healthylife.net.** Her book, **"What About Me? Stop Selfishness From Ruining Your Relationship,"** is available nationwide.*

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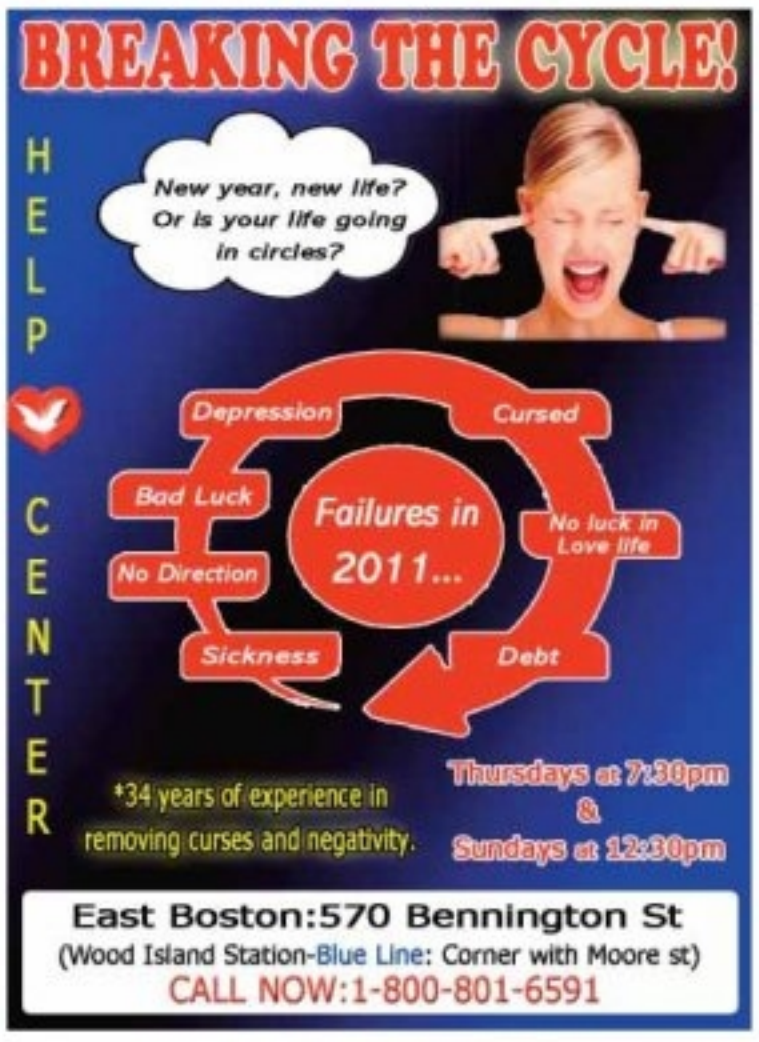

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GLENN HAYES, VIA E-MAIL

Numbers game: We got sold out

RE: "ANYONE BUT OBAMA IN 2012": Clever of letter-writer Joseph Dupont to decry the president's employment tax reduction and burden the middle class, stating that "47 percent of U.S. households pay no federal income tax!" without ascribing any responsibility to the 1 percent.

BASIL RODERICKS, VIA E-MAIL

According to the nonpartisan Tax Policy Center, the reasons for the 47 percent of households that don't pay taxes are deductions and poverty. If you really put the screws to those people, you might get a few million in taxes out of grandma and her grandson in college. Some of the deductions stem from the Bush tax cuts, which you probably blame Obama for. I wonder which direction your head spins when you hear that we will no longer be throwing roughly $7 billion per month at Iraq now that Obama held to the date that the Bush administration set for bringing the troops home.

SCOTT KEELEY, VIA E-MAIL

Am I the only registered Republican in America totally frustrated with the current slate of candidates? This is the best and the brightest we have to offer the country? Really? At this rate, Obama's 2012 campaign slogan should be "Is that all they've got?"

BRUCE A. BENNETT, VIA E-MAIL

Why is it such an issue that President Obama helps the 99 percent of the people that are suffering while the 1 percent is constantly still gaining? If those "1 percent" who have their big companies in other countries — so they can pay their employees a lesser salary and exercise child labor — were brought back to the United States to pay their corporate taxes and provide jobs for the unemployed Americans, than those Americans will be able to pay their share of federal taxes. KAREN SMITH, VIA E-MAIL

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Horoscope

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♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Think twice before rejecting a social invitation that would involve mingling with a new group. Chances are you will meet some fun people who will give you a new lease on life.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Lady Luck is likely to take it upon herself to engineer two new, potentially profitable developments for you.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Concentrate on putting at ease those you talk to, especially the timorous souls. You have a marvelous talent for making people feel special.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** There is a strong probability that you will see orchids in places where people espy only weeds. Because of this, you'll find great opportunities that most people will completely overlook.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Certain ideas of yours that you feel quite good about could be more ingenious than even you thought. When you see the right opportunity come up, implement them immediately.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** What goes around comes around, and, fortunately, you may be rewarded for good deeds you've done in the past. Those whom you directly helped won't be the ones reciprocating.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Even at the expense of temporarily shelving some of your usual duties, spend time on furthering a new interest. Your chances for success are good and copious rewards could be in the offing.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** An opportunity could come to you through a very unusual source. Be receptive to someone with a good track record in another field when he or she brings a new idea to you.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** When bargaining over something important, don't make any concessions too easily or without cause. Chances are, you'll be in a stronger bargaining position than you realize.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Although you might get drawn into a situation not of your making, after everything quiets down, you are likely to find yourself in a good position.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Don't rush to a negative conclusion regarding an idea that your mate comes up with. After a bit of careful study on the subject, you might discover that you really like it.

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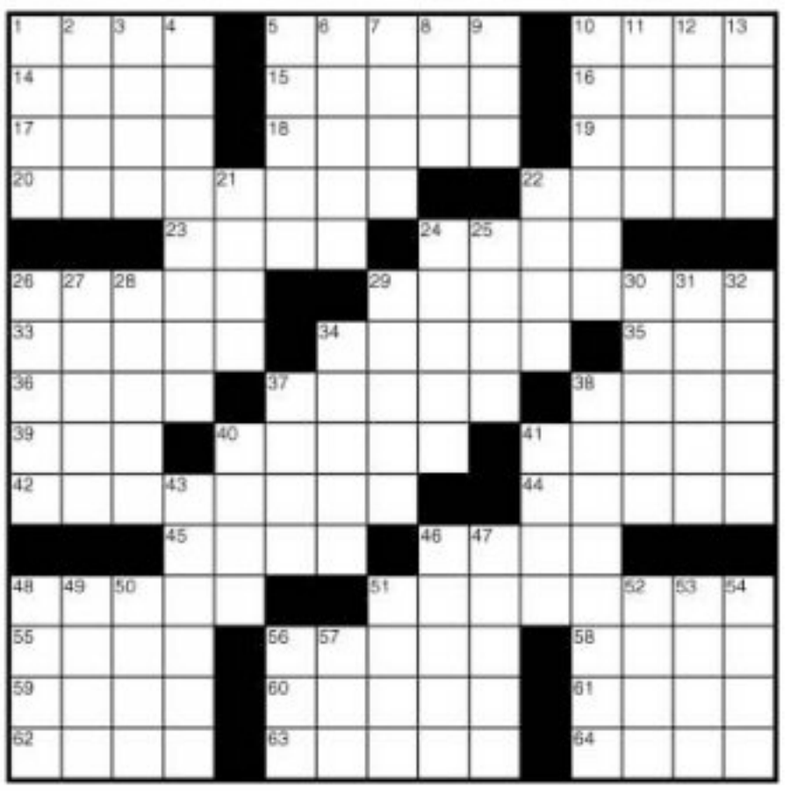

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Solution to yesterday's crossword

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▶ You'll want to bring a hearty appetite with you to Trade.

On the waterfront

Trade sits in the new Atlantic Wharf development at the end of Fort Point Channel, two blocks from the South Station T stop, in what is Boston's first green skyscraper. Small plates cost approximately $9, $27 for entrees.

TRICKS OF THE TRADE

By now, you know that Trade is the new restaurant from Rialto's Jody Adams. We know you know because, just three weeks after opening, the place was packed. As Adams is a culinary name of renown, this is perhaps not surprising. Perfectly positioned steps from the FD, trade at Trade is bullishly good.

Trade's industrial-themed interior is stark and minimalist and framed by the Rose Kennedy Greenway, which provides a winsome view from this historic old mercantile building's giant windows. The grand entranceway's enormous pillars speak as highly of the captains of industry past as Trade's food does of Adams and former Rialto sous chef Andrew Hebert, now Trade's executive chef.

Hebert's execution is simple, but thoughtful.

Nosh On

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If you go

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540 Atlantic Ave., Boston
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An amazing mushroom, Gorgonzola and fig flatbread has a luscious, oily sage pesto; a plump ball of burrata cheese has a nice, sweet quince jam; roasted littlenecks mingle in a peppery nutty sauce with tasty roasted baby Brussel sprouts; and the magnificent pomegranate-glazed eggplant is rich and smooth with contrasting crisp flavors from capers and pine nuts.

Small plates and pizza aside, Trade is most definitely a place for dinner, not just grazing. There's zesty roasted lobster with a piquant artichoke aioli, which is finished with a seasoning squirt of lemon juice. There's hearty short rib (all meats are naturally raised) topped with minced black olives and served with roasted sunchokes. Some fecund pickled daikon radish provides a perfect counterpoint.

Dessert doesn't disappoint either: A rustic apple crostada with thick, gooey caramel is as delightfully simple as a creamy cranberry fool, which is served with a cardamom-spiced flaky biscuit and is fabulously sophisticated. It's a fool by name, but not by nature.

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GOING OUT

Chinatown Main Street Gala
Saturday, 6 p.m.
Beach St. and Harrison Ave., Boston, $45, 617-350-6303
www.chinatownmainstreet.org
Celebrate the Chinese New Year with a 9-course dinner, martial arts performances, a lion dance, Chinese folk dancing, a Chinese dough maker, calligraphy, a raffle and more. That's right — a 9-course meal. We're not sure if that's a Chinese New Year tradition, but it sure is generous — hopefully they'll provide doggie bags.

MUSIC

Boston's Celtic Music Fest
Friday through Monday
Various locations
Harvard Square, Cambridge
$15-$28, 617-492-7679
www.bcmfest.com
Although "Celtic" is often used as a synonym for "Irish," this three-day fest includes performances drawing on music and dance traditions of the whole Celtic world, from Scotland to Brittany to Eastern Canada, displaying the wide variety of styles under the Celtic umbrella. Friday's highlight is the Boston Urban Ceilidh — a traditional community dance led by a caller, square dance-style.

COURTESY OF REVERBNATION

▶ Naked on Roller Skates rock Great Scott on Saturday.

Naked on Roller Skates
Saturday, 9 p.m.
Great Scott
1222 Comm. Ave., Boston
$10, 21+, 617-566-9014
www.greatscottboston.com
We rolled our eyes at this local band's name at first, but it turns out their bright, female-fronted power-pop music is good enough to withstand the cheap novelty of such a moniker. Everything about their sound is chart-toppingly accessible. Well, at least, it was about 10 or 15 years ago. But pop was better back then anyway, so we're not complaining.

THEATER

Boston One-Minute Play Festival
Saturday through Monday
Boston Playwrights' Theatre
949 Comm. Ave., Boston
$20, 866-811-4111
www.bu.edu/bpt/
Who has time for a two-hour play nowadays, especially when you'll just have to reduce your opinion of it to 140 characters? If your attention span's been corrupted by the Internet, you may enjoy this awesome experiment in ADD theater, which features over 70 brand new plays, each clocking in at around a minute.

ART

Artefacting into Dharavi
Through March 23
Multicultural Arts Center
41 Second St., Cambridge
Free, 617-577-1400
www.cmausa.org
This multimedia exhibition is the product of a multi-artist project led by Alex White Mazzarella to artistically document life in Dharavi, one of Mumbai's most notorious slums. You'd expect results to be dreary and desperate, but they're vibrant and energetic, crackling with the diverse humanity of a poor but passionate community. Opening reception is tonight at 6.

MOVIES

'The Klezmatics: On Holy Ground'
Wednesday through Jan. 15
Remis Auditorium,
Museum of Fine Arts
465 Huntington Ave., Boston
$9-$11, 800-440-6975
www.mfa.org
This documentary by Erik Anjou, screening as part of the Boston Jewish Film Festival, follows the popular klezmer and Yiddish music ensemble as they tour across the globe in support of their first English-language album, "Wonder Wheel: The Lyrics of Woody Guthrie," which finds them composing original tunes for recently rediscovered lyrics by the folk legend.

TALKS

Thomas Frank
Tonight, 6
Brattle Theatre
40 Brattle St., Cambridge
$5, 617-661-1515
www.harvard.com
This author will discuss his new book "Pity the Billionaire," which examines the Great Recession's paradoxical reinvigoration of the American right wing. How could a crisis that so many attributed to economic deregulation inspire such a passionate response in others for even more thorough deregulation? Frank provocatively asserts a blind faith in laissez-faire capitalism on the right as the culprit.

MATTHEW DINARO

Theater

'Copenhagen'

Friday through Jan. 14
Factory Theatre
791 Tremont St., Boston
$10-$20, 800-838-3006
www.flatearththeatre.com
In 1941, nuclear scientist Werner Heisenberg met with his antecedent, Niels Bohr — whose work paved the way for much of his own — in Copenhagen. No one knows exactly what the two men discussed, but it must have been some heavy stuff. Playwright Michael Frayn has imagined how it may have gone in this play, presented by Flat Earth Theatre.

JAKE SCALTRETO

▶ Matthew Zahnzinger, left, and Kevin Kordis star in 'Copenhagen.'

AN ORDINARY FAMILY. A SHOCKING CRIME. A FATHER'S SEARCH FOR THE TRUTH.
DEFENDING JACOB

The next morning I let Laurie and Jacob both leave before me. When they were safely gone, I went up to Jacob's room and searched.

The search did not take long. In the top drawer of the bureau, I found something hard, lazily hidden in an old white T-shirt. I unrolled the T-shirt until it spilled onto the bureau a folding knife with a black rubberized handle. I picked it up daintily, tweezed the blade between my thumb and index finger, and pulled it open.

"Oh my God" I murmured.

. . .

"Jacob, I need to ask you, for my own peace of mind: is this the knife they're looking for?"

"No! Are you crazy?"

"Do you know anything about what happened to Ben Rifkin? Anything you heard from your friends? Anything at all you can tell me?"

"No. Of course not." He looked at me evenly, meeting my gaze with his own. It only lasted a moment but it was unmistakably a challenge—the sort of look a defiant witness will flip you on the stand. Once he had outfaced me, his point made, he became a petulant kid again: "I can't believe you're asking me this stuff, Dad. It's like, I get home from school and suddenly I get all these questions. I just can't believe this. I can't believe you actually think these things about me."

"I don't think anything about you, Jacob. All I know is you brought that knife into my house and I'd like to know why."

"Who told you to look for it?"

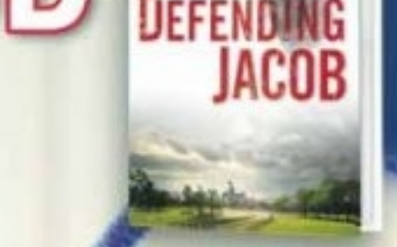
"Never mind who told me."

"Andy," Laurie warned. She had told me not to confront or cross-examine him, not to accuse. *Just talk to him, Andy. This is a family. We talk to each other.*

I looked away. Deep breath. "Jacob, if I submit that knife for testing, for blood or any other evidence, would you object?"

"No. Go ahead, do whatever tests you want. I don't care."

I considered for a moment. "Okay. I believe you. I believe you."



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Luck of the draw

Who the Pats would, would not like to see in the playoffs Days of owning Steelers a thing of the past?

There haven't been many No. 1 seeds over the years with as many question marks as the 2011 Patriots.

The fact that they have lost in the divisional round at home in back-to-back years simply adds to the doubt. Here's a list, in order, of which teams the Pats would most like to see come Jan. 14 at 8 p.m.

1 Bengals: The "Ochocinco Bowl" won't exactly get the suits at CBS giddy, but you can bet that Belichick would be happy with this draw. The Bengals rank 20th in passing yards in the league and are 19th in rushing. The Patriots defense would love to see this group over, say, Ben Roethlisberger and the Steelers.

2 Broncos: It was just three weeks ago that Tebow-mania was running wild and the Patriots were next in line to feel the wrath of the pigskin preacher. While he was never to be confused with Dan Marino in the pocket in the first place, Tebow has actually regressed as a passer since seeing the Pats. He tossed a combined four interceptions and has averaged 122.5 passing yards per game in losses to Buffalo and Kansas City.

3 Steelers: It seems inevitable that the Steelers will invade Gillette Stadium. We're just not sure when. Though Pittsburgh has been beat up as of late, it is still a top 10 passing team. In addition, 27-year-old Isaac Redman has proven to be a capable running back in place of the injured Rashard Mendenhall.

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▶ Heath Miller and the Steelers are the last team the Pats defense would like to see.

In the news

Big Hurt? Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger walked with a limp in the Steelers locker room yesterday, but he told reporters that his left ankle shouldn't affect his status for Sunday's wild-card playoff game against Denver.

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The Patriots were given an 18 percent chance to win the Super Bowl by Las Vegas oddsmakers yesterday. The Packers are 9-5 favorites to win the Feb. 5 game, while the Broncos are 120-1 underdogs and the Giants have a 20-1 shot. New Orleans is being given a 15 percent chance while the 49ers have 12-1 odds.

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Rise and shine

Patriots will need big showings from players who were largely absent during regular season Chung, Green-Ellis, Spikes need to step things up

The Patriots will need three players, in particular, to step up their play this postseason.

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Patrick Chung

1 Patrick Chung: Prior to the start of the season, Metro chose Patrick Chung as the player who needed to truly step up for the Patriots to find success this year. While he did show solid play in spurts, injuries played a significant role in his lack of effectiveness this season.

Now Chung is back healthy, having played last week against Buffalo. The Patriots will need Chung at his best going forward, as a shaky-at-best secondary will surely be put to the test early and often.

2 BenJarvus Green-Ellis: He can only rack up the yards if he gets the carries, and lately, those carries have been distributed much more evenly with the Pats running back-by-committee approach.

A 1,000-yard rusher last season, Green-Ellis ran for just 667 yards this season with an average of 3.7 yards per carry — his lowest average since his rookie season. But come playoff-time, the Pats are going to turn to their veteran backs over wide-eyed rookies Stevan Ridley and Shane Vereen. Green-Ellis is the Pats' best goal line back with 11 touchdowns on the season. And you can bet BJGE won't be the one with a costly playoff fumble.

3 Brandon Spikes: Spikes is a guy who falls under the same category as Chung. A rookie last season, Spikes played the first 12 games of the season, making over 60 tackles with an interception to boot. This season, he missed the beginning of the year, and also the last half of the season with a knee injury. Spikes could be the hardest hitter on the Pats, and a guy that, paired next to Jerod Mayo, certainly beefs up the linebacking corps. With him in the mix, receivers will think twice about crossing the field, and QBs will certainly be aware of where he is.

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UMass football is making the leap to the FBS.

UMass football in MAC East

UMass football's jump to the FBS, formerly Div. 1, will officially take place beginning with the 2012 season.

Yesterday the Mid-American Conference, of which the Minutemen will be a part of, announced a new divisional alignment that will begin immediately.

UMass will be part of the MAC East along with Akron, Buffalo, Kent State, Miami (OH), Ohio and Temple. The MAC West will be comprised of Ball State, Bowling Green, Central Michigan, Eastern Michigan, Northern Illinois, Toledo and Western Michigan.

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